SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

Dedicated to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement



March 2020 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



Your Branch BEC is truly engaged in discussion to keep the branch vibrant and to move forward in 2020. Do keep in mind at SIR, our activities provide social, physical and mental

engagement for men over 50 and their partners. We live longer and have more fun because we are an interactive group. With this, at our last BEC meeting it was passed to welcome wives and significant others to any lunch meeting as long the member informs the Big Sir two days ahead of time. In addition, the month of your wedding anniversary your wife is invited as a paid guest. Again, the member (you) must inform Big Sir the *Sunday* before the luncheon. At the State Town Hall Meeting, it was stressed the importance of recruiting new members and formally welcome them as new members was duly repeated. SIR has a new website at our disposal. Check it out at => wearesir.com. The website proves an additional media to introduce prospective members or members to our organization. Our March Meeting we will have Michael Lella sharing a story of his father Pino Lella and his role in the forgotten Italian Front of WWII. So impelling his story a movie is being made starring Tom Holland as the lead actor. And lastly, I would like to thank all the volunteers that make our Branch what it is today.

Big SIR Anthony Butera

This is information on Coronavirus

Coronavirus Video

Please watch

NEW MEMBER



Pictured L-R (Sp) Jim Toepher--(NM) Jim Sterling. He was a Teacher at Sylvan USD. He enjoys Bowling, Breakfast Club, Computers & Tech, Computer Training, Dine-In Pot Luck, Dine-Out Group, Economic Study, Genealogy, Pinochle. His wife is Sue.

\$24 dues are due by March 31. A table will be set up by the golf table, or you can mail them to: SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, CA 95356. Thank You!

Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 380-9896 by Sunday March 15. Thank you!

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES February 20th, 2020

The meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Anthony Butera at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir acting Secretary Biff Galbraith, Treasurer Nilo Casiano, Assistant Secretary Jack O'Brian. Directors: Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Gaylan King, Sam Graham, Gary Williams, Jerry Strain. Guests and Committee members present: Bill Burchell, Bob Lewis, Julius Manrique, Bill Stires, Vince Sereno, Patton Brooks, Vernon Jones, Vern Masse, Jerry Miller, Ernest Pinkston, Gary Stroud.

Anthony Butera entertained a motion to approve the January 16th, 2020 BEC Minutes 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

| The Treasurer's Report for December was Presented | Nilo Casiano Th | ne Treasure's Report for January 2020 was Presente | d Nilo Casiano |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Checkbook Balance December 2019 | 7,839.35 | Checkbook Balance January 2020 | \$ 4,899.03 |
| Total receipts | 243.00 | Total receipts | .\$ 3,594.00 |
| Total disbursements | 3,183.33 | Total disbursements | .\$ 1,527.82 |
| Total checkbook and cash December 2019\$ | 5 5,099.03 | Total checkbook and cash January 2020 | .\$ 6,626.85 |
| Invoices for January Gary Williams \$285.61, Bol | b Lewis 16.04, Anthony | Butera 10.90, 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Gaylan King, | Motion Passed |
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Motion by 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Jim Toepfer, to accept December Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed Motion by 1st Jerry Strain, 2nd Sam Graham, to accept the January Treasurer's report. Motion Passed

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.
One Inductee: Jim Walker (Vote Required)

Two Applications: Robert (Bob) Watson, Jim Sterling, (Vote Required)

There is One Resignation: Gary Black (Vote Required)

There is One Request to be Disabled: Paul Moran (Vote required)

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members: Conrad Haines, Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna, Charlie Brunn.

Total Members 138 active

Motion by 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Jim Toepfer, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires: First Horse race is coming at Golden Gate Fields April 18th. Laguna Trip is a Go! Trip to Italy, Greece, Spain. Reminder to

members to check newsletter for trip information and dates. (Check some trips and payments are time sensitive)

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups are doing well. 1st Wed Club moving to 4th Wed.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Bowling: New Branch Chair Bob Lewis and possibly Vern Masse will be new Regional Chair

Programs: March speaker will be Michael Lella, sharing the story of his father and his role in the forgotten Italian front of WWII.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier: Sunshine Chair contact at (605-9638)

Old Business:

Membership Form 27 and Form 65 submitted to State SIR. Treasurer Form 28 and 29 to Area Governor.

2020 Roster booklets distributed at February meeting if you did not receive contact Gary Williams.

Big SIR Anthony Butera visited Branch 8 to learn about their meetings and will be attending State SIR in Santa Clara on February 24th.

Little SIR meeting for State SIR in Fairfield. SIR 2020 Goals: Increase net membership, Improve Volunteerism, Encourage each member to bring a guest to an activity not just to a lunch meeting. SIR has a new Web site WeareSIR.com. Encourage Every member to have at least one Guest per year

Check your E-Mail and please respond as to your attendance.

New Business:

Motion to have wife or significant other on Anniversaries to lunch, we pay for spouse, member still pays for self. 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed. (please contact Big SIR for lunch count the Sunday before the luncheon)

Motion to allow wife or significant other to any lunch meeting with notification to Big SIR for lunch count. 1st Gary Williams, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed.

Motion to pay March Guest speaker for travel \$50.00. 1st Andre Dodd. 2nd Jim Toepfer. Motion Passed.

Jerry Miller possible new assistant treasurer, will get form needed and vote in March.

Meeting adjourned: 10:34AM

The time of the next BEC meeting with be at 9:30 AM, March 19th, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Little SIR acting Secretary

Area 18 Travel

If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com to receive a reservation form. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

Golden Gate Fields April 18, 2020: Our annual trip to the horse races.

Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Afterwards, board the coach for our return ride home to Modesto and Turlock.

Minimum 30 passengers needed by March 18, 2020 or the trip will be canceled

Laguna Arts Festival
Pageant of the Masters in Southern California
July 26-29, 2020

Price for Double \$1,895 - Single \$2,290

Tour Includes: Reserved Main Tier Center Tier seats at the Pageant of Masters. Pageant of the Masters is when the paintings come to life with real people depicting the Masters Art. Airport Transfers, roundtrip airfare to Los Angeles. 3 night stay at the Best Western Plus in Long Beach; Tour of Ronald Reagan Library; Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company; Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express- Avalon Scenic Tour of Catalina Island; Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano; Admission in the Sawdust Festival; Dinner at Tivoli Terrace; Guided tour of Los Angeles; Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit; 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners; Gratuities for bus driver and step on guides; Early reservation is urged to insure Main Tier Center Seats at Pageant.

\$500 per person deposit to hold place for trip.

Final payment Due May 18, 2020.

More Travel on page 6

DINING OUT CLUB NEWS



CHANGE OF MEETING DATE: The 1st Wednesday Club now meets on the 4th Wednesday

What can be better than a fun evening out enjoying a great dinner and talking & laughing with friends . . . & you don't have to wash dishes or clean up the kitchen! If interested, phone Vince at 524-9630

March Info & April/May Locations

Mar. 10th (2nd Tuesday Club)

Marcella's—Call Host Henry Solario at 578-5607 to confirm YES or NO Reservations --- ASAP

April 14—Bella Italia

May 12 - George's Steakhouse

Mar. 24th (4th Tuesday Club)

Velvet Creamery—Phone HOST Gene Toschi at 402-4242 no later than Mar. 17th to confirm your yes or no Reservations.

April 28 - George's Steakhouse

May 26 - Tesora Mexican

Mar. 25th (4th Wed. Club)

Mike's Grill House—Call Host Vince Sereno at 524-9630 no later than Mar. 16th to confirm your yes or no reservations.

April 22 - Divine Swine

May 27 - Bella Italia

Mar. 26th (4th Thursday Club)

Shangri-La China Bistro---Phone Hosts Julius & Barbara Manrique at 576-1077 no later than Mar. 19th to confirm your yes or no reservations.

April 23 - Johnny Carino's

May 28 - Marcella's

Humor . . .

The young man had asked for a job with the circus—any job just so that he could travel with the circus. The owner of the circus, thinking that he might be able to make an assistant lion tamer out of the young man, took him out to the practice cage. The head lion tamer, a beautiful young woman, was just starting her rehearsal. As she entered the cage, she removed her cape with a flourish and, standing in a gorgeous costume, motioned to one of the lions. Obediently the lion crept toward the young woman, licked her elbow, and rolled over twice. Well, said the owner to the young man, "think you could do that?" "I'm sure I could, Sir," said the young man, 'but first you'll have to get the lion out of there."

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

| Name | | Date | Age | |
|-----------|---------|----------|-----|--|
| Bohling | John | 03/30/44 | 76 | |
| Bree | John | 03/12/32 | 88 | |
| Casiano | Nilo | 03/04/42 | 78 | |
| Dodd | Andre | 03/25/42 | 78 | |
| Erreca | Dan | 03/23/55 | 65 | |
| Hollander | Tom | 03/16/50 | 70 | |
| Norris | Jay | 03/18/46 | 74 | |
| Peck | Russell | 03/31/28 | 92 | |
| Scoble | Tony | 03/28/34 | 86 | |
| Sheaffer | Chuck | 03/17/49 | 71 | |
| Sherman | Fred | 03/22/33 | 87 | |
| Shoup | Chuck | 03/13/39 | 81 | |
| Venturini | Joe | 03/10/30 | 90 | |
| Weiss | Thomas | 03/29/38 | 82 | |



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES Name Spouse Date Years

| Bruce | Fetzer | Debbee | 03/30/96 | 24 |
|---------|-------------|--------|----------|----|
| Charlie | Leffingwell | Jan | 03/21/98 | 22 |
| Walt | Masciorini | Ann | 03/03/56 | 64 |
| Ken | Oehrlein | Sochi | 03/14/64 | 56 |





March 2020 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 24 February 4

Series: Dan Erreca 693 Dan Erreca 693 Game: Dan Erreca 248 Dan Erreca 248

Week 25 February 11

Series: Dan Erreca 660 Bruce Fetzer 685 Game: Dan Erreca 242 Bruce Fetzer 264

Week 26 February 18

Series: Joe Miceli 669 Joe Miceli 723

Game: Dan Erreca 235 Marvin VanMiddendorp 267

Joe Mecili 235

Week 27 February 25

Series: Larry Sallee 657 Don Binney 730 Game: Larry Sallee 257 Larry Sallee 262

Team 1(Clark Pearson, Dave Conley & Steve Gibson) won the 1st 3rd. Team 4(Gene Cox, Bick Woolley, Wes Rash & Steve Bruce) won the 2nd 3rd.

Come out for our hometown tournament.
_---- 2020 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS----

March 17-18 Clayton Valley Bowl, Concord Dan Weller 925-935-5510

April 13-16 Gold Dust West, Carson City NV Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

May 13-14 McHenry Bowl, Modesto (State Tournament)

Vern Masse 209-538-4275

May 28-29 Paddock Lanes, Pacheco Jack Evans 510-724-8840

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse 209-538-4275

vnr03@sbcglobal.net

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Two Fabulous SIR Days--2020.pdf

Giant's vs A's June 7
Golden Gate Fields March 27

MARCH 2020 GOLF



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

https://sirinc2.org/public html/area18golf/

| MONDAY | MANTECA | CARTS: |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| MARCH 2 | | INCLUDED |
| HOST: 164 | \$ 44.00 | 9:00 AM |
| MONDAY | CREEKSIDE M\P | CARTS: \$ 15.00 |
| MARCH 9 | | |
| HOST: 143 | \$33.00 | 9:00 AM |
| MONDAY | RESERVE | CARTS: |
| MARCH 16 | | INCLUDED |
| HOST: 144 | \$54.00 | 9:00 AM |
| MONDAY | SWENSON | 9:00 AM |
| MARCH 23 | | |
| HOST: 103 | \$27.00. | CARTS: \$ 15.00 |
| MONDAY | DRYDEN | CARTS: \$ 15.00 |
| MARCH 30 | | |
| HOST: 144 | \$32.00 | 9:00 AM |

THE FIRST OF 3 MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENTS STARTS ON 3/2 AT CREEKSIDE. 4/20 AT MANTECA, 5/11 AT DRYDEN. \$5.00 FOR ALL 3 TOURNAMENTS. THE ABCD TOURNAMENT WILL BE ON 6/1 AT MANTECA. TIME TO THINK OF TEAMS.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

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Information for SIR State Golf Tournament 2020 in Napa

Press Control + Click to open link

Tournament information and Registration Form

Golf Website

14 Night Adriatic and Aegean Medley Cruise Aboard The Newest Princess Ship, the Enchanted Princess

Including One Pre-Cruise Night in Rome and One Post-Cruise Night in Barcelona

Price: Balcony Stateroom \$5,298 per person Double Mini-Suite Stateroom \$5,850 per person Double

New Princess Plus Options:

- Drinks, Wi-Fi, and Gratuities \$40.00 per person/per day (\$600.00 pp)
- Drinks and Gratuities \$30.00 per person/per day (\$450.00 pp)
- Drinks and Wi-Fi \$25.00 per person/per day (\$375.00 pp)
- Wi-Fi and Gratuities \$25.00 per person/per day (\$375.00 pp)

Princess Plus Options are Subject to Change Without Notice.

These prepaid options are a significant savings from what you will pay onboard at the conclusion of your cruise.

Ports of Call

ITALY: Rome, Naples, GREECE: Athens, Heraklion, Mykonos, Santorini,

TURKEY: Kusadasi, Istanbul, MONTENEGRO: Kotor,

SICILY: Messina, SPAIN: Barcelona

Tour Features:

- Transfers from Modesto/Turlock roundtrip to Airport.
- 15 day cruise aboard the Enchanted Princess.
- One night hotel stay in Rome and one night stay in Barcelona Including all transfers from airport to cruise ship in Rome and hotel to airport in Barcelona.

• All taxes including port taxes

<u>Airfare is not included. Rates available in June Approximate \$800.00</u> Ship is filling up fast don't delay and get in your deposit to hold your spot.

Calendar of Events



GOLDEN GATE FIELDS APRIL 18, 2020

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR MAY 7-14, 2020

LAGUNA ARTS FESTIVAL
PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS IN SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA
JULY 26-29, 2020

SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY. AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 Program for
March 19, 2020:
Speaker Michael Lella
will share the story of
his Father and his
role in the forgotten
Italian front of WWII

Past Big Sirs

1988 Lynn Wood 1989 Elbow Jones 1990 Dick Benevento 1991 Warren Lawson 1992 Al Evans 1993 Joe Underwood 1994 Homer Jorgensen 1995 Don Singer 1996 Max Norton 1997 Charles Cox 1998 Dick Bachman 1999 George Harden 2000 John Shores 2001 Bob Curley 2002 Frank Pierson 2003 Julius Manrique 2004 Ed Boyle 2005 Ted Nagel 2006 George Ditman 2007 Herman Vigil 2008 Michael Mensinger 2009 Charles Shoup 2010 Gary Williams 2011 Jerry Strain 2012 Sam Graham 2013 Jerry Emery 2014 Leonard Davis 2015 Patton Brooks 2016 Bill Burchell 2017 Gary Williams 2018 Sam Graham 2019 Jerry Emery



2019 Jerry Strain

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2020

Big Sir:Anthony Butera 985-3473Little Sir:Biff Galbraith 575-2724

Secretary: Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440

Assistant Secretary:......Jack O'Brian 221-3691 **Treasurer:**.....Nilo Casiano 324-5926.

Assistant Treasurer:.....Open

DIRECTORS FOR 2020

Andre Dodd 527-0482 Sam Graham 552-0960 Gaylan King 380-9896 Jerry Strain 551-8220 Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930 Gary Williams 578-3471

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STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ...Ed Benson 925-943-7011
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc .. Jim Johnson 536-1595
DIRECTOR, REGION 2......Rick Kindle 652-8608
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Richard Provost 222-1910

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RAMP

Recruitment:....Open
Activities:....Open

Member Relations:....Gary Williams 578-3471
Publicity/Relations:...Sam Graham 552-0960
Accessories:.....Sam Graham 552-0960

Travel: Area 18: .. Bill Stires 544-2684

Area 18 Golf Chairman: Joe Adams 632-8197
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475
Assistant:....Gary Hubbard 551-5253

Area 18 Bowling Chairman:.....Vern Masse 538-4275 Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:Vern Masse 538-4275

Programs:..... Biff Galbraith 575-2724
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Data:...... Gary Williams 578-3471
Chaplain:...Vernon Jones 683-8033

Dining: Vince Sereno 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607

Attendance:.....Tony Salonga

Sunshine......Edd Santwier 605-9638

Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077

Nominating Committee: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell and

Gary Williams

Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896 **Book Club:**.... Joe Venturini 524-6577



Joe Venturini receives Senior SIR Presidents Award with Jerry Strain & Anthony Butera



Area 18 Bowling Chairman Vern Masse



Modesto Mayor Ted Brandvold (C) with Little SIR Biff Galbraith (L) & Big SIR Anthony Butera

To save 15% on tickets to the Gallo Center use code: SIRS1920

Please visit our website at www.sirinc2.org/branch144

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (605-9638) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks! Mac McCoy's wife Bev is not doing well.

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain